

Appl. No.: 10/644,543

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Response to Office Action Mailed February 7, 2006

REMARKS:

Applicant appreciates the time and care the examiner has taken in examining the application.

Amendments. Claim 1 has been amended to specifically state that the operation control means is configured to enable optional specification of a chamfering location and a chamfering contour of an end portion of an edge of the eyeglass lens on the display means. The amendment to claim 1 is solely for the purpose of clarification of the contents of the claim, and is not intended to narrow the scope of the claim; applicants do not intend to relinquish any subject matter by this amendment. New claims 11 to 20 are added. Support for the amendment can be found at least in Modified Example 5 and Modified Example 6 of the original specification.

Section 103(a) Rejection. The cited reference Mizuno et al. neither teaches nor suggests that the optional specification of a chamfering location and a chamfering contour of an end portion of an edge of the eyeglass lens on the display means is possible, as set forth in amended claim 1.

Although Mizuno et al. discloses to chamfer front and rear surface shoulder portions of a subject lens with chamfering grinding wheels 32 and 33 respectively (see column 9 and FIG. 2), and also refers to a chamfering simulation in column 10, Mizuno et al. teaches only to the extent that the chamfering simulation function may be added to a function of simulating a virtual bevel shape. There is no teaching or suggestion at all with regard to "optional specification of the chamfering location and the chamfering contour" of the end portion of the edge of the eyeglass lens.

In particular, as shown in FIG. 2 of Mizuno et al., since the chamfering is performed to the front and rear surface shoulder portions by the chamfering grinding wheels each "having a fixed angle", it is submitted that the invention of Mizuno et al. is not structured to optionally specify the chamfering location of the chamfering contour. In addition, what is possible to specify in Mizuno et al. is a chamfering amount specified by a key in an input unit 11, as disclosed in column 9, lines 64 to 67.

Similarly, new Claim 11 provides for optional specification of at least two chamfering locations and optional specification of a chamfering contour, and thus for similar reasons, is neither taught nor suggested by the cited reference.

Therefore, for these reasons the cited reference fails to disclose or fairly suggest all the claimed limitations in the independent claims herein. It is respectfully submitted that, under the applicable legal standards, no prima facie case of obviousness is established with respect to the claims presented herein.

Double Patenting Rejection. Amended claim 1, claim 2, and new independent claim 11, all are patentably distinct from claim 7 of U.S. Patent No. 6,634,754. Although claim 7 of the '754 patent discloses a chamfered contour of the end of the edge, it does not disclose the optional specification of the chamfering location and the chamfering contour as set forth in amended claim 1, nor does claim 7 disclose the corresponding features of optional specification as set forth in new claim 11. Therefore, the claimed invention is not an obvious variation of displaying a contour of an eyeglass lens and a chamfering contour in relation to an edge thickness image of the lens; the double patenting rejection should be withdrawn.

Conclusion. It is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for prompt allowance and that all of the objections, rejections and requirements raised in the Office action have been met. Early, favorable treatment of this application is requested.

Extension Request and Fee Authorization. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this communication, including any necessary fees under 37 CFR § 1.17(a) for any necessary extensions of time under 37 CFR §1.136(a), which are hereby

requested, to our Deposit Account No. 50-0305. The Examiner is encouraged to call Robert J. Schneider at the direct number (312) 845-3919 with any questions that arise in connection with this application, or to resolve any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,



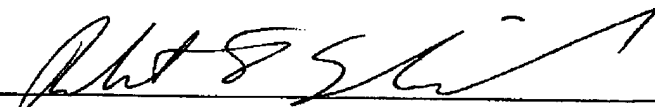
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